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For: LASER SCANNING METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
MARKING ARTICLES SUCH AS PRINTED CIRCUIT
BOARDS, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND THE LIKE

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

1. (Original) A laser scanning method for marking articles, the method comprising:

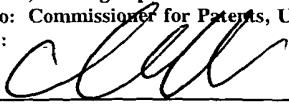
- a) controllably conveying the articles in a first direction at a marking station;
- b) generating a focused laser beam;
- c) controllably steering the focused laser beam along two substantially orthogonal intersecting axes at the marking station to mark a first predetermined region on at least one of the articles based on input data representing marking locations and marking

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